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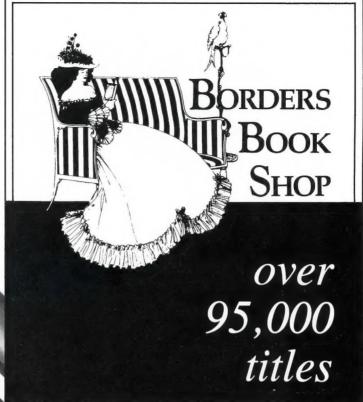
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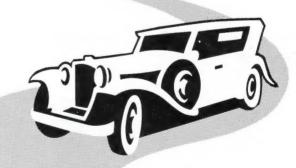
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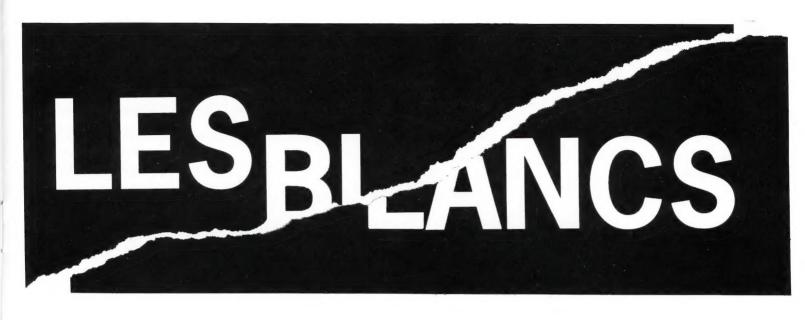


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by Lorraine Hansberry

Final text adapted by Robert Nemirof

Presented by the University Players, Department of Theatre and Drama, School of Music, Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre November 7-10, 1991

Director
Charles A. Jackson

Scenic Designer Warren Lehmkuhle

Costume Designer

Laura Crow

Lighting Designer Shirley Prendergast

Sound Designer Iim Lillie Choreographer Linda Spriggs

Vocal Coach
Ann Klautsch

Stage Manager *Jared Entin*

The action of the play is set in and about a Mission compound in central Africa and the hut of a tribal elder. The time is yesterday, today, tomorrow — but not long after that.

— There will be one 10 minute intermission —

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The Cast

(in order of appearance)

Dancer
Dr. Marta Gotterling
Young Boy Remy Romano
Women Villagers
Kelly Langford
Ony Danchimah
Peter
Charlie Morris
Dr. Willy Dekoven
Major George Rice Erich Jungwirth
Soldiers
Scott Mahler
Prisoner
Madame Neilsen
Eric
Ishembe Matoseh
Abioseh Matoseh Joniah Martin
Warriors
Romel Williams
Mondeke
NGago
Drummers
Biza Sompa
Thomas Gomez

Director's Notes

"If there is no struggle there is no progress. Those who profess to favor freedom and yet deprecate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing up the ground, they want rain without thunder and lightning. They want the ocean without the awful roar of its many waters.

"This struggle may be a moral one, or it may be a physical one, and it may be both moral and physical, but it must be a struggle. Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will. Men may not get all they pay for in this world, but they must certainly pay for all they get. If we ever get free from the oppressions and wrongs heaped upon us, we must pay for their removal. We must do that by labor, by suffering, by sacrifice, and if needs be, by our lives and the lives of others."

- Frederick Douglass

On January 12, 1965, a little more than a month before the assassination of Malcolm X, Lorraine Hansberry died; she was thirty-four. From the blood of Malcolm a new people arose, as if it were Easter morning and the shedding of the blood itself had rolled away the stone from the tomb of the race. And, having risen, the people swept across the land, an avenging tornado of blackness. Today the storms have passed and, in the quietness, the voice and vision of Lorraine Hansberry needs to be heard. It was there all along, but we weren't ready to listen. Now perhaps we are.

About the Cast

Jiba Anderson (Tshembe Matoseh) Art — sophomore — Detroit, MI

Dafinah Blacksher (Dancer) LS&A — sophomore — Ithaca, N.Y.

Jimie Blair (Warrior) Psychology — freshman — Ann Arbor, MI

Brittany Blair (Mondeke) Ann Arbor, MI

John Connon III (Dr. Willy Dekoven) Theatre and Drama — senior

Gwendolyn Grote (Dr. Marta Gotterling) Theatre and Drama — sophomore — Quincy, IL

Damon Gupton (Peter) Music Education — sophomore — Detroit, MI

Erich Jungwirth (Major George Rice) Theatre and Drama — senior — Birmingham, MI

Joniah Martin (Abioseh Matoseh) Theatre and Drama — senior — Ann Arbor, MI

Sam Prince (Eric) Theatre and Drama/English — senior — Detroit, MI

Heather Raffo (Madame Neilsen) senior — Okemos, MI

Remy Romano (Young Boy) New York, NY

Chris Washington (NGago) Dance — senior — Pontiac, MI

Romel Williams (soldier/warrior) LS&A — sophomore — Detroit, MI

Mark M. Wilson (Charlie Morris) Theatre/English — senior — Pittsburgh, PA

This production is an Associate entry in the American College Theater Festival (ACTF). The aims of this national theater education program are to identify and promote quality in college-level theater production. To this end, each production entered is eligible for adjudication by a regional ACTF representative, and certain students are selected to participate in ACTF programs involving awards, scholarships, and special grants for actors, playwrights, designers, and critics at both the regional and national levels.

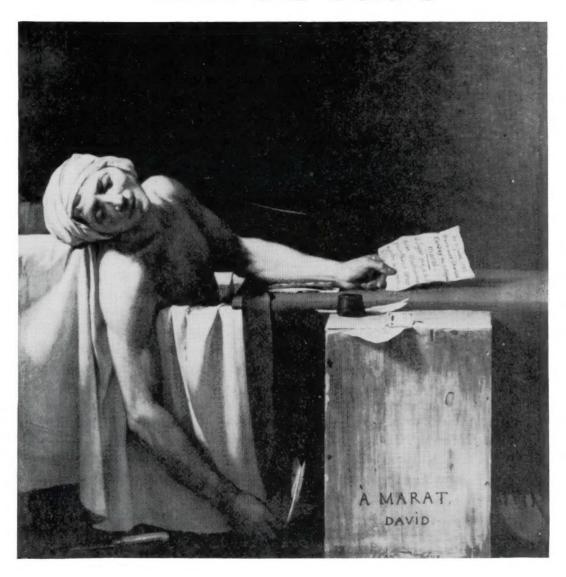
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About the Artists

Lorraine Hansberry (*Playwright*) One of America's pre-eminent playwrights, Lorraine Hansberry is best known for *A Raisin in the Sun*. With this play, she became the first black woman to have a play on Broadway, as well as the first black and youngest American to win the New York Drama Critics' Circle Award (1959). *A Raisin in the Sun* was produced and published in some thirty countries and her screen adaptation was given a Cannes Film Festival Award. Her other works include *The Sign in Sidney Brustein's Window* and *To Be Young, Gifted, and Black.* Ms. Hansberry died of cancer in 1956 at the age of 34. Both *Les Blancs* and *To Be Young, Gifted, and Black* were adapted by her former husband and literary executor Robert Nemiroff and produced posthumously.

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Laura Crow (Costume designer)

- · Associate professor of Design, Department of Theatre and Drama
- Costume designer, seven Broadway productions
- Costume designer, 92 regional theatre, productions in America and England
- Costume designer, over 200 professional productions world-wide

Charles A. Jackson (Director)

- Assistant Professor and Black Theatre Studies Coordinator, Department of Theatre and Drama
- Founder, African American Artists Unlimited Theatre Company
- Director, Joe Turner's Come and Gone, Long Time Since Yesterday, The Mighty Gents, Home (University Players); Out at Sea (Detroit Repertory Theatre); Big River (Grand Rapids Circle Theatre)
- Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, The Meeting, 1515 Broadway Theatre (Detroit)

Warren Lehmkuhle (Scenic Designer)

- Second-year graduate student in design, Department of Theatre and Drama
- Scenic designer, Cabaret, Musket
- Assistant scenic designer, Tartuffe, University Players
- · Scenic designer, Company, U-M Flint

Shirley Prendergast (Lighting Designer)

- · Lighting designer, Don't Get God Started, Paul Robeson, Broadway
- Lighting designer, The Negro Ensemble Co., Crossroads Theatre Co., the New Federal Theatre
- Recipient of four Audelo awards and the Estells Evans Award, presented by Black Women in Theatre

Linda Spriggs (Choreographer)

- Assistant Professor, Department of Dance
- Principal dancer, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre, New York City
- Director/Choreographer, Ain't Misbehavin', Ann Arbor Civic Theatre
- Featured soloist, Black Arts Festival (Atlanta, Georgia), performing The Griot, work choreographed for Ms. Spriggs by reknowned choreographer Pearl Primus

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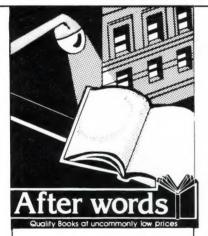
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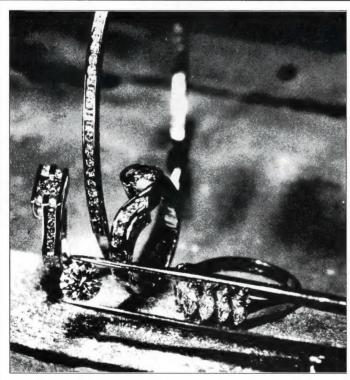
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